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I encourage you to maintain the historic State Theater as a place for film or other cultural events. So much of downtown Ann Arbor is suddenly disappearing and soon there will be nothing that distinguishes our small oasis community from any other generic town in America. Please keep the icons. Thankfully the Michigan Theater was saved, but all the other downtown movie theaters are gone. As I visit other communities, they have done innovative things to keep the feel and quality of their communities visible and approachable. Kent, Ohio purposefully modeled itself after Ann Arbor, but their downtown renovations and expansions look very 19<sup>th</sup> century and feel cohesive with the aesthetic of the town.

I live and work within the greater campus and downtown area.

Thank you.

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